(d) whether these heritages can be renovated and given a new look with Government's assistance?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. It is learnt that the World Monuments Fund, a US based non-profit international organization has listed following four sites from India in the 100 Most Endangered Sites in the world for 2006 in their "World Monument Watch":

i) Sumda Monastery and Guru Lakhang, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir

ii) Watson Hotel, Mumbai, Maharashtra

iii) Dhankar Monestery, Spiti, Himachal pradesh

iv) Dalhousie Square, Kolkata, West Bengal

(b) to (d) The Archaeological Survey of India is taking care and maintaining only centrally protected monuments. None of the above monument/site is centrally protected.

**Encroachments in World Heritage Sites**

7. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Heritage Sites in the country which are being encroached upon or having a risk of their encroachment; and

(b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to stop and remove such encroachments from the surroundings of these sites or monuments?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Encroachment has been reported at Pre-historic rock shelters Bhimbetka, Distt. Raisen, Madhya Pradesh and Hampi Group of Monuments, Hampi, Karnataka.

(b) The details of encroachment and the steps taken to stop and remove such encroachment from the surroundings of the above monuments/sites is given in the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

***Statement***

*The Details of World Heritage Monuments/Sites under the Control of Archaeological Survey of India which are Threatended by Encroachment Alongwith the Steps Taken by the Government to contain such Encroachment*

| S. No. | Name of Site | Details of Encroachment | Steps Taken |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Pre-historic rock shelters Bhimbetka, Distt. Raisen, Madhya Pradesh | A natural rock- is encroached the protected site | Demolition order has been by the Archaeological Survey India and District Collector, has been requested to implement the same. Encroacher has approached the district court for a decision; therefore, the matter |
| 2. | Hampi Group of Monuments, Hampi, (Karnataka) | Illegal is reported in the protected Bazaar in front of Virupaksha Temple at Hampi | Hampi World Heritage management Authority has constituted under the of Deputy Commissioner, who is vested with the powers to administer and govern the World Heritage Area including removal of encroachments. The Ministry of Tourism, in association with the Govemment of Karnataka has taken up a programme to resettle the shopkeepers who |

**National Library for Ancient Scriptures**

8. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Library for the Ancient Scriptures and Vedic Religion at Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu in view of its importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?